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Title:

Top Layers of Metal for High Performance IC's

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the office action dated Dec. 23, 2002. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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